

YES?



AM- THAT
PERSON...?

ONE
MOMENT,

GOING
TO
BE
A
BIG
MOMENT



THERE HE IS.
NOT TO
WORRY.



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LEODA

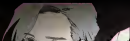
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TIP



WHY WON'T
YOU EXPLAIN



WHERE WE'RE
GOING...?



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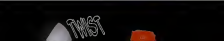
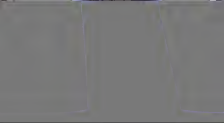
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WHAT IS THIS?

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IT HURTS
ME SOOOO!

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UWAAAAA!!!!

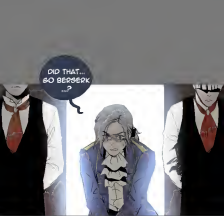




AHHHHH!!!!







SLOB,
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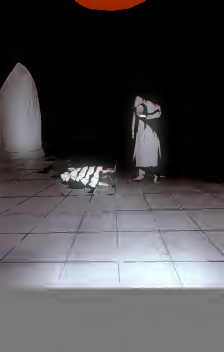
OF COURSE
IT DIDN'T
WORK.

PHAT!





TYPICAL HUMANS...
THEY'RE JUST NOT
GOOD ENOUGH.







YOU'DE...



YOU'VE SEEN
IT AS WELL IN YOUR
OWN TIME, YES? THE
DEATH OF THOSE NOT
WORTHY OF GOD'S
POWERS



A character with blonde hair, wearing a dark hooded cloak, is shown from the chest up. They are holding a small, dark, doll-like figure in their hands. The background is dark and indistinct.

NO MATTER IF
THEY'RE CAPABLE,
OR THEY SIMPLY
DIE.

THE QUESTION
IS WHETHER OR
NOT IT CAN BIND
PROPERLY TO THE
FLESH.

IS IT BECAUSE
BELLE TREATS IT
ALL LIKE PLAYING
WITH DOLLS—?

THE FACT
WE HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO FIND WHAT
WE WANT IS GETTING
EMBARRASSING...

A close-up of a character's face, showing a wide, toothy grin. The character has dark hair and is wearing a dark jacket with a white collar. The word "GRIN" is written in a stylized, blocky font below the character's face.

GRIN



HAHA.



WITH ALL THAT
SAID, IT SEEMS
RATHER LATE FOR
INTRODUCTIONS. IT
HAS BEEN A LONG
TIME, LESSA.



I SUPPOSE
THEN YOU MUST BE
LOOKING FOR A NEW
BODY FOR DARK
LESSA...?

YOU ARE
CORRECT.

DARK LESSA IS
ABSOLUTE, HOWEVER
A CONSCIOUS BODY IS





A CONSCIOUS BODY IS
STILL NEEDED TO EXIST.
IN THIS WORLD, NOT
MUCH CAN BE DONE
WITHOUT A BODY

BUT AS
EXPECTED,
NO OTHER BODY
IS WORTHY BUT
YOURS.

EVEN WHEN
HUMANS ARE GIVEN
A SMALL PORTION
OF POWER, WHILE
CONSCIOUS IT
PROVES MUCH TOO
OVERWHELMING.

HAVING DARK
LESSA PLACED
INSIDE A HUMAN
WOULD INDEED BE
A WEAK
EXISTENCE.





AND THAT
JUST
WON'T DO.



PRECISELY.



THUS
WE HAVE BEEN
ORDERED BY AGES
TO RETURN THIS
POWER BACK

TO YOU.



DON'T BE
SO RIDICULOUS.
THIS WAS THE VERY
BODY THAT SEALED
AWAY DARK
LESSA.



DO YOU NOT
KNOW WHAT IT
WOULD MEAN IF
I WERE TO HAVE
THAT POWER?

AH, OF
COURSE.
THERE IS ONE
CONDITION



THAT IS, IF
YOU COME WITH
ME IMMEDIATELY
TO ZONE 1



THEN WE WILL
BESTOW UPON
YOU ALL OF ITS
POWER.

SO THAT'S IT.
YOU'RE SAYING
YOU WANT ME TO
SWITCH SIDES.



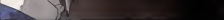


LORD
ARES MISSES
YOU SO MUCH.

THE SAME ARES
THAT HAD WAITED
A THOUSAND YEARS
WHILE YOU WERE
ASLEEP.



... HE
MISSES
ME.





OF COURSE,
I MISS HIM
TOO.

WITH THOSE SMALL
HANDS OF HIS, HE GATHERED
THE DIRT TOGETHER



AND THAT SMALL
FRIEND MADE A GRAVE





ON TOP, HE PLACED
A SMALL FLOWER



AND THEN

AND THEN,



THAT CHILD,
WHO WOULD LOOK BACK COUNTLESS TIMES,
I MISSED HIM.



THE ONE
THAT SHOULD
COME BACK...

IS NOT I,
BUT ARES.

A
THOUSAND
YEARS...?

I'VE WAITED
A LONG TIME

HIS WHOLE
LIFE.

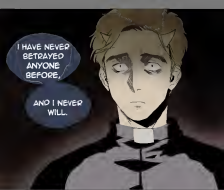
EVER
SINCE THAT CHILD
BEGAN TO GROW
TALLER THAN ME.
A LIFETIME.



EVEN IF WE
DID NOT TALK,
I AM GOING TO
ZONE 1.

HOWEVER,
I WOULD NEVER
STAND BY YOUR
SIDE.





I
UNDERSTAND.

NOO

HOWEVER,
IF YOU WILL
NOT
FOLLOW
ME,

I HAVE
BEEN TOLD
THAT I CAN
BRING YOU
DEAD OR
ALIVE.

A close-up, high-contrast black and white comic book panel. The character's face is partially visible, with a large, dark eye and a wide, toothy grin. A speech bubble originates from the character's mouth. The background is dark and textured.

IT CAN'T
BE HELPED.



RAO

LESSA

THE ~~END~~ ~~CURTAIN~~

CHAPTER 37 - THE END